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I'LL BET PLENTY OF
THEIR RIGHT ARM
FOR THESE TICKETS!
THE WHOLE TRAIN IS
RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR VIPS! LUCKY
FOR US YOUR DAD IS
A STOCKHOLDER IN
PENING ESTITEAL PAIL
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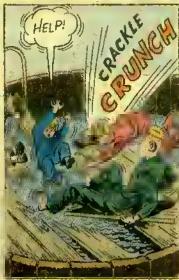












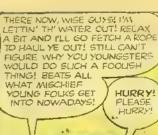


















NINE! JUMPING

JOCK! IT'S

NEARLY

KEEP HANGIN ON, BOYS! WE'RE WELL NIGHTHERE! GUESS OLD NELL CAN STILL STEP OUT PURTY FAST WHEN SHE'S A MIND TO DO

NINE-TEN! AND IT COULD BE LATER ... THIS IS SUP-POSED TO BE A WATER-PROOF WATCH BUT IT MIGHT BE SLOW AFTER UR HOURS





















THANKS A MILLION, MR. DIGBY! GOSH, ALL I'VE BEEN OREAMING IT'S QUITE A CHANGE FROM THE OLD DAYS! L FROM THE OLD DAYS!

G I REMEMBER BACK
WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE
WORKING ON THIS RAILROAD! STARTED AS A
LABORER, WORKED MY WAI
UP TO ENGINEER AND NOW
I'M PRESIDENT AND MAJ
ORITY STOCKHOLDER! ABOUT ALL WEEK IS TRAIN!

AHH ... THOSE WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS
WHEN I WAS ENGINEER ON THE OLD

67! WHAT AN ENGINE SHE WAS! BROKE
EVERY SPEED RE-CORD IN THOSE DAYS!



HEARD WHAT YOU SAID, DIGBY, AND IT'S A LIE! WHEN I WAS EN-GINEER ON BALTIMORE CENTRAL'S OLD ENGINE, 76, I BROKE EVERY
SPEED RECORD EVER
MADE! NO ONE COULD
BEAT THE
OLD 76!

HA! BIG TALK, JONES! YOU ALWAYS DID LIKE TO BOAST YOUR LITTLE 76 COULDN'T OF THE 67!





WOW! LISTEN TO THIS!

PRESIDENT OF PENN CENTRAL R.R. WILL RACE
PRESIDENT OF BALTIMORE
CENTRAL IN OUTMODED
STEAM ENGINES NOW AT
THE CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION TO SEE WHICH IS
FASTER! EACH HAS PUT
UP CONTROLLING SHARES
OF HIS COMPANY AS
STAKES! WHAT A STORY!



IS IT REALLY TRUE
ABOUT THE RACE!
ARE YOUR STAKES
REALLY YOUR CONTROLLING SHARES
OF THE RAILROADS
YOU DIRECT!



YES!

YES!



IT'S ALL TRUE
AND MY OLD 67
WILL WIN! MARK
MY WORDS! WHY,
I CAN'T LOSE
WITH THE WISE
GUYS AS MY

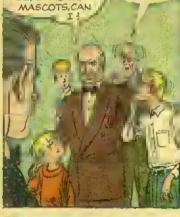
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOUR MASCOTS! THEY'RE MY MASCOTS! GOSH, YOU'RE
PUTTING US
ON THE SPOT!
WE LIKE YOU
BOTH! HOW
CAN WE TAKE
SIDES!

I KNOW!
LET JONES
AND DIGBY
SHARE YOUTWO MASCOTS FOR
EACH!

WELL... WELL... LET US DECIDE LATER ON!

I'LL TAKE
SCARECROW
AND SLUGGER!
YOU TAKE
CURLY AND
JOCK! THAT'S
FAIR ENOUGH,
ISN'T IT?

I GUESS WE
DON'T HAVE
MUCH TO SAY
ABOUT IT, HUH!
OH, WELL, IT
IM'LL BE EXCITING 50
WHAT DIFFER-





ENCE DOES IT MAKE?

A SUITE HECK! I HADN'T FROR MYSELF FIGURED ON DIGBY AND MY TWO AND JONES GCING MASCOTS! TO DIFFERENT HOTELS! THE ONLY CHANCE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SEE JOCK AND CURLY IS AT THE EXPOSITION, I GUESS!



YOU SAID IT! MY SET CHOICE IS JONES, TOO! JONES I TELL YOU WHAT! WINS HOW ABOUT THE THE LOSERS HAVING RACE TO COOK AND HE'S WASH DISHES FOR A WHOLE CON-VINCED ME TREAT THE WIN-MOVIE A WEEK AGREED.





MOMENT

PLEASE!

ANYONE WOULD ANYONE WOULD
TAKE YOU FOR A
REAL HIGH CLASS
BANK PRESIDENT
IN THEM CLOTHES,
CHET! I HOPE I
LOOK AS



YOU LOOK AS

J.P. FARNS WORTH, PRESI DENVER STATE BANK, I HAVE TO HAVE A ROLL TO BE CON

YOU'RE SLICK YOU EVEN CON ME OUT

> WHY NOT I'M SURE

HOW

MUCH?



I BELIEVE MR. JEREMIAH DIGBY IS STOPPING HERE! AM I RIGHT? WILL YOU TELL HIM THAT J.P. FARNSWORTH, PRESI-DENT OF DENVER STATE BANK IS CALLING?



NOT

I HOPE THAT BANK PRESIDENT
DOESN'T HAVE SOME LONG-WINDED
DEAL WITH DISBY! IF HE DOES, IT
MAY MEAN SLUGGER AND SCARECROW WON'T BE ABLE
TO MEET US AT THE
EXHIBIT FOR LUNCH
GO UP-

BEFORE THE RACE!

ROOM 2020! MY CARD, MR. DIGBY! I SUPPOSE YOU WONDER WHY I'M HERE! THE TRUTH IS THAT I OWN SOME STOCK IN JONES! RAILROAD, AND I'M QUITE INTERESTED IN YOUR WAGER

OVER THE RACE! YOU WOULDN'T CARE TO PLACE ANOTHER BET



#50,000? I'M Y PREPARED TO MAKE A CHECK OUT NOW! OF COURSE, IF THAT'S TOO HIGH...



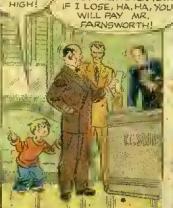
PLEASE, MR. DIGBY, NO RACE THOSE

MR. DIGBY, ARE YOU OUT OF

MIND

THAT SURE! STAKES ARE TOO HIGHE

CALM DOWN, SLUGGER! I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING! YOUNG MAN, I WANT YOU TO HOLD THESE TWO CHECKS! IF I WIN TURN THEM OVER TOME!



I DID IT, CARPY! HE NEVER EVEN QUESTIONED MY CHECK! NOW YOU GET OVER AND FIX UP THAT ENGINE OF HIS WHILE I STICK WITH DIGBY SO HE DOESN'T GET OKAY!

CAUTIOUS AND DECIDE CREDENTIALS







YOU CAN RELAX, CHET! IT'S
ALL DONE! NOW THAT EVERYTHING IS OKAY, I CAN TELL
YOU SOMETHING! I NEARLY
DOCTORED UP OLD
NUMBER 67 INSTEAD
OF 76 BUT I REMEM. WHAT!



YOU NUMBSKULL! IT IS? YOU
YOU IDIOT! YOU FIXED MEAN I DID THE
THE WRONG ENGINE! WRONG ONE! 76 IS JONES' LOOK, MAYBE I
CAN GO BACK AND
DO THE OTHER AND



IT'S TOO LATE! THEY'RE STARTING SOME KIND OF CEREMONY BEFORE THE RACE! YOU HAVEN'T A CHANCE OF GETTING NEAR THOSE ENGINES NOW! THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE LEFT! IF I CAN CATCH JONES BEFORE THE RACE STARTS...



GOSH, DIGBY'S
GOT TO WIN NOW!
BESIDES HIS BET
WITH JONES, HE
HAS A \$50,000 |
SIDE BET WITH
A BANKER NAMED
FARNSWORTH!

HE'IL BE SORRY!
WE'RE GOING TO
BREAK OUR BACKS
TO HELP JONES WIN!
WE'D BETTER GO
FIND JONES FOR
LAST MINUTE IN
STRUCTIONS, CURLY!
C'MON, FELLOWS,



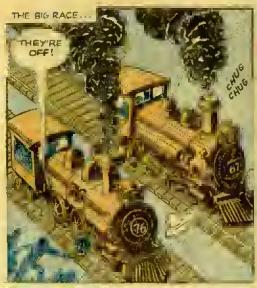
AS A MEMBER OF THE PENN CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS I NATURALLY AM ROOTING FOR DIGBY TO MN! INDEED I AM SO SURE OF HIS SUCCESS I AM PREPARED TO BAH! MAKE A PRIVATE DIGBY WAGER ON THE HASN'T A OUTCOME! CHANCE! I



ARE YOU WILLING TO BET \$50,000 ON THE RACE! OR IS THAT MORE THAN YOU'D LIKE TO RISK!

IT SUITS ME! IT'S TOO LATE TO FIND ANYONE TO HOLD THE STAKES, BUT I'M AGREEABLE TO A CASH SETTLEMENT AFTER THE RACE IF THAY IS SATISFACTORY TO YOU!







IT'S A SHAME

THE BOILER

WAS IN THE

THAT HAP-









WHAT DO YOU SAY NOW, IONES! HA HA, HA! HAND OVER THAT STOCK OF YOURS! I TOLD YOU I'D WIN!

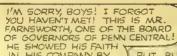
AND DON'T FORGET OUR LITTLE BET, CURLY! YOU AND JOCK GET TO DO ALL THE COOKING, DISH WASHING AND BLOW US TO



HERE'S THE STOCK! MY MESSENGER BROUGHT IT TO ME BEFORE THE RACE! I GUESS THE 76 IS TOO OLD...IN HER PRIME SHE WOULD HAVE WON!



WELL, MR. JONES, IT LOOKS AS THOUGH YOUR ILL FORTUNE IS MY GAIN! I'M. HERSOC COLLECT THAT, LITTLE SECOND. DOES BROKE! JONES HE MEAN JONES?



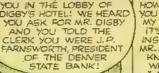
HE SHOWED HIS FAITH IN HIS COMPANY BY A \$ 50,000 WAGER, AND IT LOOKS AS IF HIS JUDGMENT WAS BETTER THAN MINE!

CENTRAL! BANKER!





BUT CURLY AND I SAW YOU IN THE LOBBY OF DIGBY'S HOTEL! WE HEARD YOU ASK FOR MR. DIGBY AND YOU TOLD THE



NONSENSE! HOW DARE MY WORD! IT'S AN INSHLT! MR. JONES KNOW5 WHO

COME NOW-IT'S NOTHING TO QUARREL ABOUT! HERE COMES DIGBY NOW! HE CAN SETTLE THIS— OH, DIGBY.



THERE SEEMS I TO BE A LITTLE CONFLISION ABOUT THIS GENTLEMAN'S IDENTITY! WILL BOYS WHO

HE 15?

OF COURSE! ALTHOUGH WE JUST MET TODAY, IT'S NOT LIKELY I'D FORGET! NOT WHEN HIS CHECK FOR \$50:000 IS WAITING TO BE COLLECTED AT MY HOTEL! HE IS J.R. FARNS WORTH, PRESIDENT OF THE

DENVER STATE BANK AND HOPE YOU'RE A BETTER MR. FARNSWORTH!

HE'S NO BANKER! HE DENIED
IT HIMSELF! AND SINCE DIGBY
JUST MET HIM, IT'S CERTAIN HE
NEVER WAS WITH PENN CENTRAL
EITHER! I'LL BET THAT CHECK
HE PUT UP TO MATCH MR. DIGBYS
I'S AS PHONY AS HE IS! DON'T
PAY HIM A CENT, MR. JONES,
UNTIL YOU CHECK HIS
CREDENTIALS! CREDENTIALS!



LET EM HE'S GRABBED GET MY THEY GOT MONEY! AWAY!



HA! HA!

YOU DIRTY RAT! IF 50 THAT IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU FIXING THE SAFETY VALVE ON THE WRONG ENGINE, I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO MAKE THAT SECOND BET WITH JONES AND WE'D HAVE GOTTEN AWAY WITH IT! YOU'LL TAKE THE RAP



HERE, JONES -I CAN'T TAKE THIS STOCK! IT WASN'T A
FAIR RACE! IF
NOT FOR THAT
ACCIDENT, YOU
MIGHT HAVE WON!

WAS YOUR

GAME!

THAT'S JONES

LOST!

QUICK!

WISE!

HA, HA, HA, YOU KNOW I'M KIND OF GLAD IT ENDED LIKE THIS! NOW WE CAN GO RIGHT ON ARGUING WHICH ENGINE WAS BEST FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!





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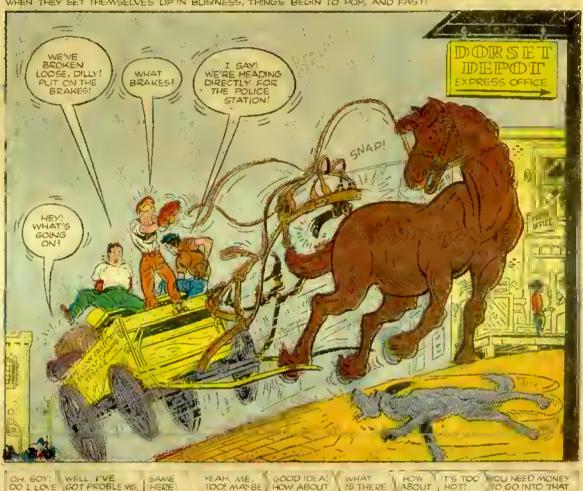
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DILLY DUNCAN

of DORSET HIGH in "GIVE 'EM THE BUSINESS"

As summer vacation starts, most kids make plans to get jobs of some sort, and dilly and the boys are no exception; you wouldn't expect them to take ordinary jobs, though, and you'd be right; when they set themselves up in business, things begin to pop, and fast;



































I'LL IGNORE
THAT REMARK
SOUNDS TOO
AND JUST
TO SHOW YOU
I'M A GOOD
I'M, I'LL DRIVE
THAT CHARIOT
SO YOU THREE
CAN ALL
RING DOOR
BELLS!
ANYWAY
WHAT
CAN WE
LOSE!



LOOSEN THOSE BELLY STRAPS, WALDO! YY TAKE THROUGH...IT'LL BUST UNDER A HEAVY LOAD AND THE NAG WILL TAKE OFF WITHOUT THEM! BOY, DID THEY FALL FOR THIS ONE! THAT HOUSE HOP. AND I'LL GE THE KOT DOG NEXT GRUESOME, ONE! THIS IS THE BEST ONE YET!



HOW DO YOU DO, SIR! DO YOU HAVE
ANY JUNK YOU'D LIKE TO GET RID
OF, OR ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE MOVED!
WE HAVE A HORSE
AND WASON OUT:
SIDE, AND...
GO ON, BEAT IT!
HOLD IT, WILLIE,
I'VE GOT AN
IDEA!









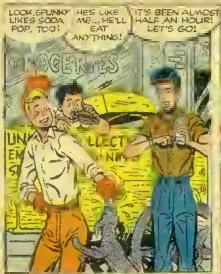
BOYS, IT LOOKS BAD! THIS BURG IS CRAWL-ING WITH COPPERS

SKIP IT. HARRY!

WE'VE GOT

A BETTER

IDEA! COME





































NICE GOING

SON! WE'VE

BEEN LOOK

WE MUST BE

IN THE TRAIN

EVERYTHING'S

POLICE!

THERE'S

POLICES





HORACE!

GET THAT

OLD







WHAT A LAUGH!



WELL, EARLY BUSINESS VENTURES ARE OFTEN UNSUCCESSFUL... THEY VERY OFTEN LOSE MONEY! SAY, THAT REMINDS US, NEXT MONTH'S ADVENTURE IS PER LEY WHOPPER! YOU EXPECT DILLY AND HIS PALE TO GET IN SOME SORT OF TROUBLE, BUT WHEN THEY MEET UP WITH A LOONEY IN-VENTOR ... LET'S WAIT UNTIL NEXT MONTH!

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Contents Of The Cave



hat are those kids doing?" muttered Sloan, as he stopped abruptly and grabbed his companion by the sleeve.

"Aw, they're just diggin' a cave or a tunnel," said Hot Head unconcernedly. Then he stopped abruptly and said, "Oh no, Sloan. They can't!"

"That's what I mean, you meat head," answered Sloan. "We buried the stuff there. What if they find it?"

"I'm going to make them cut it out," said Hot Head as he started to run over to the vacant lot where the two boys were digging.

"No, don't! That won't do any good," reasoned Sioan, hastily keeping Hot Head from going over to the two boys. "That'll just get us in trouble. They'll wonder why we want them to stop and what right we have to make them stop."

"Guess you're right," mused Hot Head as he was abruptly halted in his tracks. "But, what are we going to do?"

"Well," thought Sloan, the brains of the pair. "I've got it! Why don't you go over and help the kids?"

"Who me?"/answered the amazed Hot Head. "What good'll that do?"

"Oh, listen, Hot Head, it's obvious," Stoan told his partner as his voice dropped to a whisper. A glimmer of understanding passed over Hot Head's ngly face and soon he was smiling as if he were enjoying a huge joke. "Okay, pal," he beamed, as he walked over to where the boys were digging.

Mike looked up from his digging as Hot Head approached. His friend Will, was so busy with his shovel that he didn't notice Hot Head. "Hello, Mister," greeted Mike.

"Hi there, sonny," smiled Hot Head. "What are you kids doin'?"

"We're digging a cave," eagerly answered

"Yeah," piped up Will. "We have a club and this is going to be the meeting place."

"That sounds like a swell idea," mused Hot Head as he ran his hand through his thinning hair. "Mayhe I can help you."

"Gee, do you really want to?" asked Mike in amazement.

"Sure, kld," smiled Hot Head. "I haven't had any exercise for a long time. Would he good for an old man like me."

Hot Head granbed the shovel away from Mike and started digging with a vengeance.

"Boy! We'll have this cave dug in no time at all," gasped Will, as he leaned on his shovel and watched Hot Head dig."

"Not if you don't stop leaning on your shovel," said Mike as he glared at Will.

Hot Head kept up the pace remarkably well and he was quite sure he was digging in the exact spot he wanted. Mike and Will took turns with the other shovel and soon they were waist deep in the earth. As Hot Head felt he was reaching his objective he slyly said, "Why don't you kids take a breather? Go down and get a coke or something?"

"Oh, no," the boys replied in one breath.
"We're making such progress we don't want
to stop now."

Hot Head started to say, "Get lost, will ya," but held his tongue just in time. Well, he thought, if he couldn't get rid of the kids lie'd have to think tast. While he was thinkling of his next move, he suddenly heard Will scream, "Hey! I found something. Look!"

Hot Head dropped his shovel and was almost afraid to look. When he finally looked down at Will's feet and saw what the shovel had uncovered he felt like the world had come to an end. There was a long, thin metal hox!

Will leaned over and touched the box. Then he picked it up carefully and examined every corner of it. He looked in amazement at Mike and said, "What do you suppose it is?"

"I don't know," answered Mike breathlessly. "Buried treasure? Who would thought we'd find buried treasure?"

"How do you know it's treasure?" asked Will. "Except this box is locked. There must be something valuable in it. What should we do?"

"I don't think we should break into it, do

you?" queried Mike.

"Oh, no!" gasped Hot Head, finally having

recovered his equilibrium.

"You're right, Mister," continued "Maybe we should take it to the police."
"Let's take it to Crimebuster," said I said Mike,

solving the whole problem. "He'll tell us what

we ought to do."

"Crimebuster!" shuddered Hot Head. "Yeah. er, I was, er, just goin' down in that direc-tion. Why don't I drop it off?"
"That's real nice of you," said Mike. "But I'd kind of like to go down, too."
"Yes," continued Will. "I'd like to be right

there when C. B. sees the box and figures out what to do. There might even be a reward!"

muttered Hot Head. "I tell va what. Let's all go down and see what happens. I've got a car over here and we can drive right down."

"That's swell, let's go," agreed Will as he grabbed the box tightly under his arm, dropped the shovel and climbed out of the

hole in the ground.

Hot Head and his two companions waiked up the block to Hot Head's car, Sloan was lounging in the front seat, his hat pulled over his eyes and he was half asleep. When Hot Head opened the ear door, Sloan came to with a start, saw the familiar box under Will's arm, almost feil out of the car and sald, "Hot Head, what in ..

"Look what we found, Sloan," Hot Head interrupted just in time. "We are all going to take this box down to Crimebuster and ask him what we should do with it. Okay kids, crawl in."

To Hot Head's relief, Sloan was dumbfounded, otherwise he might have easily said something uncalled for. Hot Head tried not to push the boys into the back seat in his eagerness to get moving. He easually walked around the car, crawled behind the wheel and started the motor. Hot Head purposely drove in the direction of Loover's office while Sloan sat beside him in amazement.

Suddenly Hot Head turned the car off the main street, stepped on the accelerator and Sloan began to relax. Mike and Will were

startled.

"Mister," gasped Will, "this isn't the way to Loover's office."

"As if I didn't know," laughed Hot Head.
"You dumb kids. Did you think I really wanted to go call on Crimebuster?"

Mike and Will looked at each other amazed and suddenly both were very frightened and afraid to say anything. Hot Head stepped on the gas and soon the car was speeding out of town. On and on they drove. The boys were trapped and helpless and could only wonder with fear in their hearts what would happen next. The countryside sped by and before long they had driven so far that the land-scape ceased to be familiar. Mike and Will didn't know which highway they were on, or

which direction they were going, the car had switched around and circled so many times.

Sloan and Hot Head carried on little or no conversation though Will did catch one sentence. "Well, what are you going to do with these kids?" The reply was whispered so low that Will never knew what Hot Head had in mind. The day crept slowly on and the car kept moving fast.

As the sun was setting, Hot Head suddenly swerved the car off onto a side road. He drove down the road for a short distance, then he jammed on the brakes, turned around to the two boys and waved a gun in their faces.
"Okay, kids, hop out. We'll let ya off easy,
but drop that box!"

Will dropped the box with a clatter to the floor of the car and the two jumped out as fast as they could move. Hot Head wheeled the ear around and left Will and Mike standing in a cloud of dust.

"I got the license number," Mike said to

"So did I," answered Will, "let's not forget lt. Now we really better get in touch with C. B."

"But where are we?" mused Mlke.

"We'll just have to start walking till we

find some sign of civilization," answered Will.

The two boys walked and walked. There was not a house in sight. Not even a car passed them. Finally they sighted a farm house and hastened their steps. Exhausted and hungry, they knocked on the door and gaspingly asked to use the telephone. Mike got the call through to Crimebuster quickly, told his story breathlessly, then dropped the receiver on the hook.

Crimebuster started the wheels turning. An all state alarm was sent out to watch for a car with license number 5-2027. A squad car picked up Crimebuster and he raced out to the farm house to pick up the boys and get

further information from them.

The two tired boys greeted Crimebuster like a long lost friend. They climbed into the car and repeated their story to him. Crimebuster sald little while they told their harrowing tale. When they'd finished he said, "Remember the jewel robbery in Brecktown last week? Two men answering the description you gave were the thieves. No trace could be found of them and, of course, the jewels completely disappeared."

"You mean that box was full of jewels?"

asked Mike.

"I wouldn't be surprised," answered Crimebuster. 'Finny thing to bury them -- except that the jewels were 'hot'. I guess the two men wanted to wait until the fuss was over before they came after them."

"Wow! Just think what might have happened to us," sighed Will, relieved to be

in the safety of the squad car.

"Right you are, Will," answered Crimebuster. "But, instead, if that box turns out to be the stolen jewels, you two are in for a nice reward!"

Just at that moment the ear radio biared, "Car with license number 5-2027 apprehended at state border. Driver identified at Hot Head Harrison, Companion identified as Slim Sloan, Both wanted for robbery in three states. Contents of metal box identified as Breck-town jewels. Over. Out." in "THE NOT-SO-FREE PRESS"





























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I HAD TO HAVE THAT DENTON! MY WIFE NEEDED AN OPER-ATION, I PERATE!



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PLENTY TO GET
A STORY
LIKE THIS! YOU WOULD! ALL RIGHT, DENTON, YOU WIN! I'LL CALL





OKAY, SISTER, TAKE THIS MEMO AND POST IT ON THE BOARD! "EFFECTIVE THIS DATE, THE "EFFECTIVE THIS DATE, THE "EFFECTIVE THIS DATE, THE "EFFECTIVE OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED!" UNDER THAT I WANT YOU TO UST EVERY EXECUTIVE POSITION ON THIS DADER INCLUDING THIS PAPER, INCLUDING KEPUK IEKS



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HE FOLDED UP, JUST
LIKE I SAID HE WOULD,
AND I'VE TAKEN OVER LOCK,
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ALL THE BOYS OVER, AND
HAVE THEM READY
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TALKING ABOUT
HELPING US KIDS!
I'LL TALK TO
HIM, AND
FIND OUT
WHAT'S
HAPPENED!

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WHY ... YOU.

HELLO, MR. BAYLOR!
THIS IS DENTON, EDITOR
OF THE "ENQUIRER"! WE'RE
GOING TO RUN A LITTLE NEWS
ARTICLE ABOUT YOU, AND WE'O
LIKE TO CHECK THE FACTS BEPORE WE PRINT! IT! HAVE YOU
GOT TIME TO LISTEN NOW!

CERTAINLY!
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AHEAD!

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YOU MUST BE OUT OF YOUR MIND! THIS IS

BLACKMAIL! ALL

YOU SAY IS TRUE, BUT IT'S THE AWFUL



YOU SEE I'M MAKING NO ACCUSATIONS.

JUST REPORTING THE FACTS! HOWEVER I APPRECIATE. THE POSITION YOU'RE IN.

AND I COULD BE PERSUADED TO TEAR UP THAT STORY...

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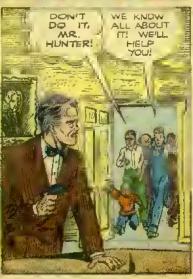
















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BOYS, A GREAT WEIGHT HAS BEEN, LIFTED FROM MY MIND! I THINK I'LL GO DOWN TO THE "ENQUIRER" AND VISIT MY OLD FRIEND, MR. DENTON! MIGHT AS WELL BE HUNG FOR A SHEEP AS A LAMB, HADN'T I? I'LL SEE YOU



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YOU SEE OFFICER THIS GUY DENTON AND HIS PALS WERE TAKIN' OVER MR. HUNTER'S PAPER, AND WE.. WELL, WE THOUGHT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PER-GUADE 'EM

WE WERE JUST PAS SING BY, OFFICER) I CAN'T STAND WHAT CAUSED ALL THIS



YOU'D BETTER COME WITH US, MR. HUNTER, AND YOU KIDS BETTER COME ALONG TOO! MURPHY, BRING THIS BEAT-UP BUNCH AND DON'T LET DENTON OUT OF YOUR SIGHT! HE'S GOT RAP TO FACE!

AS FOR THE REST OF YOU I SUG-YOU I SUG-YOU CLEAN -UP THIS -PLACE AND SEE IF YOU CAN GET OUT TOMORPOW'S TOMORROW'S



CAN YOU THE MAN WHO TRIED TO BLACK MAIL YOU, MR.

THAT'S THE DENTON! I'LL NEVER FORGET HIM!

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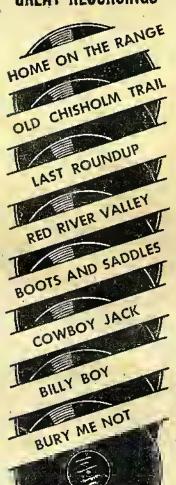
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